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In coordinating with Embassy Bonn on the instructions to Hamlett covering another flag incident expected for 7 Nov I am struck by the fact that we are compelled to work out a set of rules based on a lack of Tripartite agreement. You have no doubt seen the several messages on this subject, so I will not burden you with a repetition of its historical background. But in this connection I specifically refer you to message number 244 of 26 Oct from Embassy Bonn.

In the context in which this problem may arise a second time, I feel that the position we take must be a firm one, but, above all else, it must be a united position. Further, it is quite unreasonable to pass to the Military Commandants in Berlin the responsibility for compromising the differences which spring from the varying temperatures of their respective foreign offices. Anything in Berlin can be critical. This subject should be considered on a high enough political level to insure a common Tripartite solution and this solution should be passed in clear and simple language to the Military Authorities involved.

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